



COMMISSIONING AND ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Naval Plant Representative Office, Minneapolis

Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant
Minneapolis, Minnesota

9 November 1982



WELCOME!

Guests are requested to:

Stand during:

Invocation

Honors

National Anthem

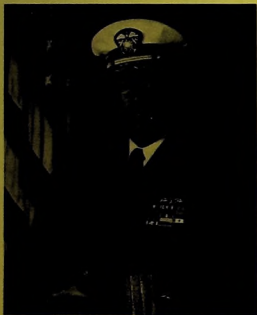
Benediction

Stand at the end of the Ceremony, but remain in place until the official party departs.

Guests in uniform are requested to render appropriate salute during "Ruffles and Flourishes," presentation of colors, and the National Anthem and remain covered throughout the Ceremony.

THE CEREMONY

The Commissioning and Assumption of Command Ceremony is a time honored tradition which formally establishes the command and states to the officers, men and women of the command the authority of the command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The Commissioning and Assumption of Command of a Naval unit is nearly unique in the world today; it is a transfer of total responsibility, authority, and accountability from one individual to another.



Rear Admiral Dempster M. Jackson

Rear Admiral Dempster M. Jackson is from an old San Diego 3rd generation pioneer family and graduated from La Jolla High in 1947 and the United States Naval Academy in 1952. During the summer of that year, as a member of the Naval Academy crew, he represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland.

Rear Admiral Jackson's service at sea began aboard the USS DEHAVEN (DD-727) during the Korean conflict. This was followed by an assignment as CIC Officer and Regulus Missile Guidance Officer in USS HELENA (CA-75). He commanded the USS SUMNER COUNTY (LST-1148) in 1960-61 and served as Executive Officer and Navigator of USS MADDUX (DD-737) in 1963-64. His next commands included USS CHARLES BERRY (DE-1035) from 1965 to 1967 and the USS KING (DLG-10) in 1970-71.

His ashore assignments include service as Navy Liaison to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency where he was Inertial Guidance Officer on the first FMB (JUNIPER) Launch Team. He served as Test Officer for the POLARIS project in the Navy Bureau of Ordnance and as Deputy Director of

the Systems Engineering Office, ASW Systems Project Office. During the War in Vietnam, he served with MACV(SOG) Maritime Operations and as Operations Officer of the Naval Support Activity in Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

Since December 1971 he has served in a variety of assignments in the Washington, D.C. area. These include Weapons System Integration Officer, Naval Ordnance Systems Command and Head of the Undersea Surveillance Division in the Office of the Director of ASW Programs in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. From January 1974 until his selection for flag rank in March 1978 he served as Manager of the Undersea Surveillance Project in Headquarters, Naval Electronic Systems Command.

From April 1978 to July 1979, he served as Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Systems Project, Naval Material Command, with additional duty as Director, ASW Division, Office of the Director of Anti-Submarine Warfare Programs, OPNAV. He was assigned as Assistant Deputy Commander for ASW and Underwater Systems, Naval Sea Systems Command in August 1979 and in February 1981 assumed additional duty as the

Executive Manager for Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology and Training, Chief of Naval Operations. In April 1981, he was assigned as Deputy Commander for Combat Systems, Naval Sea Systems Command.

Rear Admiral Jackson has been awarded an advanced degree in Physics (Underwater Acoustics) from the Navy Postgraduate School. His decorations include the Legion of Merit for service as Manager of the Undersea Surveillance Project, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for service in Vietnam during the 1968 Tet Offensive, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for service in the MADDUX during the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1961. He was awarded a gold star in lieu of a second Navy Commendation Medal as Commanding Officer of USS CHARLES BERRY in 1967.

Rear Admiral Jackson is married to the former Mary-lin Moore of Chula Vista, California. They have four children: Lieutenant David M. Jackson, Dennis, Riley and Demarie.

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Concert by U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band, Great Lakes

Arrival of Captain Joel D. Killoran, SC, USN

Arrival of Rear Admiral Dempster M. Jackson, USN

Honors to Rear Admiral Jackson

Presentation of Colors

National Anthem

Invocation by Chaplain William G. Kaiser
Commander, CHC, USNR-R

Welcoming Remarks by
Lieutenant Commander Raymond W. Smith, SC, USN

GRAM

Guest Remarks by Rear Admiral Jackson

Command Commissioning

Reading of Official Orders and Assumption of
Command by Captain Killoran

Remarks by Captain Killoran

Benediction by Chaplain Kaiser

Retire the Colors

Departure of Official Party

Reception





Captain Joel D. Killoran

Captain Joel D. "Skip" Killoran, a native of Morris, Minnesota, entered the University of Minnesota NROTC program as a contract student, was selected for the supply option, and subsequently studied Navy supply during his last two college years. In June 1955 he graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, was commissioned a Navy Ensign, and reported to the Naval Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia.

Subsequent to graduation from Supply Corps School in September 1955, he reported to USS CIMARRON (AO-22) as Assistant Supply and Disbursing Officer. Duty as Assistant Supply and Disbursing Officer, U.S. Fleet Sonar School, San Diego, was followed by Commandant, 13th Naval District, Seattle, duty as Supply and Outfitting Officer for transferring ships to the Korean Navy. After a tour of duty as Supply Officer, USS UNION (AKA-106), he reported as Contracts Officer, Inspector of Naval Material, Milwaukee. Duty as Material Officer, U.S. Naval Station, Keflavik, Iceland followed. He reported to the Bureau of Naval Weapons, Washington, D.C. and subsequently performed duties as Special Assistant to

the Purchase Officer; Director, Contract Support Division; Director, Documents Division; and Assistant Director, Aircraft Components and Underwater Systems Purchase Division. During a tour of duty in the Naval Ordnance Systems Command, he served as Director, Contract Support Division and Director, Undersea Warfare Systems Purchasing Division. After completing a tour as Supply Officer, USS DELTA (AR-9) during that ship's 1967-69 Vietnam combat deployments, he entered Air University, Air Force Institute of Technology, where he earned an MS Degree in Logistics Management, the Commandant's Award for Excellence in Research, and an Air Force Commendation.

In 1970 he reported as Chief, Procurement Division, Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia. In 1974 he took command of the Defense Contract Administration Services, District, Milwaukee. He became Supply Officer and Support Director, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake in 1977. Duty as Assistant Deputy, Chief of Naval Material for Contract Management, Washington, followed. For the past few months, he has served as the Naval Sea Systems Command Commissioning Project Officer for NAVPRO Minneapolis and has additionally served as the Guided Missile

Launcher System MK 26 Recovery Team Leader for the Aegis Shipbuilding Project Manager.

Captain Killoran is a designated Weapons System Acquisition Manager, a Certified Professional Logistician, and a Certified Professional Contracts Manager. He is a member of Sigma Iota Epsilon, National Management scholastic honorary society. He has been recognized by the Society of Logistics Engineers as a SOLE Fellow, and has held numerous chapter and national offices in SOLE and the National Contracts Management Association. He has been President of a Federal Executive Board. He is a frequent vocal soloist, trumpet player, and has played organ and directed church services at past duty stations.

Captain Killoran's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, with gold stars in lieu of second and third awards; China Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm); and Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions Medal First Class Color with Palm).

Captain Killoran and his wife, Darlene, have two children, David and Lizabeth Jane. His mother, a well known organist and choral director, resides in Western Minnesota.

COMMAND HISTORY AND MISSION

The Naval Plant Representative Office, Minneapolis was established as a Naval Sea Systems Command on 1 October 1982. This weapons system acquisition command has primary responsibilities for project and contract management at the Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant (NIROP). The NIROP, operated by FMC Corporation, is the Navy's primary heavy ordnance facility, producing shipboard guided missile launching systems and medium and major caliber guns for the Navy, other services, and foreign governments. Since 1940 the facility has produced more shipboard ordnance delivery equipment than any other commercial or Government owned facility. This has resulted in a unique capability for the development, manufacture, assembly, test, and support of complex, precise, high reliability electro-mechanical systems.

The command will assume on-site management of the NIROP, manage the Aegis Shipbuilding Training Unit, and provide support to the NAVSEA Technical Representative, Sperry Univac. This command thus incorporates all NAVSEA and Aegis Shipbuilding activities in the Twin Cities area under one Command.

Establishment of this command has resulted in the disestablishment of one Defense Logistics Agency command, a Navy Technical Representative Office, and the melding in of four other units. This consolidation, and future actions to be taken, will improve command control, management, and result in improved effectiveness, efficiency, and cost of operations. Emphasis will be on the timely delivery of quality goods and services to defense and other Government agencies at the lowest cost.

